

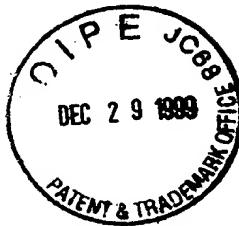
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In re Patent Application of

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FOR: METHOD FOR PREVENTING BUBBLES OR SMALL BUBBLES WHEN
CONNECTING SUBSTRATE PARTS OF OPTICAL PATH CARRIERS BY
MEANS OF AN ADHESIVE

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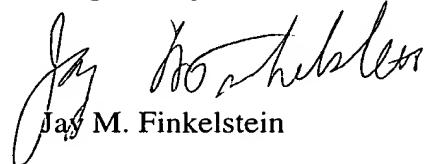
Enclosed are Form PTO-1449 and a German Search Report dated July 26, 1999 as well as the cited documents therein. Also enclosed is an explanation of the relevance of each of the cited German documents for the Examiner's consideration.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order Number 9848/264969 and proceed to consider this IDS.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted



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